

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 11 have been canceled without prejudice, thereby rendering moot the various rejections for these claims.

New claims 12-31 have been added, and are currently pending.

Support for new independent claim 12, and dependent claims 13-18, can be found in FIGS. 1, 7, 10 and 16, and at page 4, lines 12-22 of the specification.

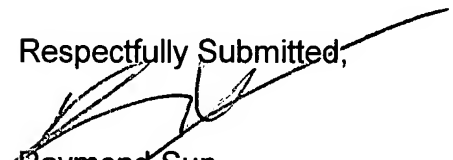
Support for new independent claim 20, and dependent claims 19 and 31, can be found in FIGS. 7 and 10-14, and at page 8, line 17 to page 10, line 10 of the specification.

The elongated slots are best seen in FIG. 13, where the slot is cut from the frame 130, and shown as receiving the tube 202 of the sleeve 32, 32a.

Support for new independent claim 24 is found in FIGS. 1, 7, 10 and 16, and at page 4, lines 12-22 of the specification. In particular, the enlarged inner edge of the lid portions is best seen in FIGS. 7, 10 and 11.

Applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited prior art teach or suggest the trash can assemblies recited in independent claims 12, 20 and 24. In light of the above reasons, all pending claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any proposed amendments that can place this application in condition for allowance.

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